

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 22-36 were pending in this application. Claims 22, 27 and 32 have been canceled. Claims 23-26, 28-31 and 33-36 have been amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Therefore, claims 23-26, 28-31 and 33-36 are present for examination, and claims 24, 29, and 34 are the independent claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claim Objections

The Office Action has objected to claims 23, 24, 26, 27, and 32 for various informalities found in the claims. Applicants submit that claims 23 and 26 have been amended to correct these informalities. Furthermore, claims 24, 27 and 32 have been canceled, thus obviating this objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The Office Action has rejected claims 22-36 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement and for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants submit that the claims have been amended to overcome these rejections. Support for the amendments can be found at least in the specification at paragraphs 24 and 27, and Fig. 1, numerals 250 and 280. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action has indicated that claims 24, 29 and 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 24, 29 and 34 to be written in independent form including all the limitations of their base claims and intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 24, 29 and 34, overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent

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No. 7,035,972 to Guha et al. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

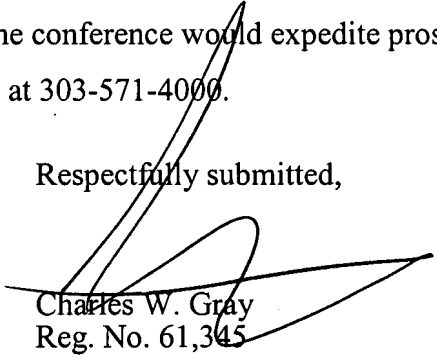
Additionally, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's characterization of the cited reference and the application of the cited reference in rejecting the independent claims and others, and the amendments to the claims should not be construed as an admission of the propriety of the rejections or acquiescence. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue additional claims in this case. Nonetheless, in order to expedite prosecution of this case, the claims have been amended hereby to include the allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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